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PROJECT: QKPROIL

Objective of Project: (a) To fortify hope of liberation among Romanian people and foster their will to resist communism; (b) establish clandestine underground for implementation of US policy vis-a-vis Soviet Orbit. This apparatus should be capable on short notice of hampering any Soviet-Satellite move against Yugoslavia, Greece, or Turkey and serving as a nucleus for effective wartime resistance; (c) undermine by combination of covert operations, including PW, political, economic, and military structure of Communist Romania; (d) develop NCIP Political Center as cover for overt activities and covert operational support arm for OPC operations.

Hq's. Case Officer: []

Station Responsible: Frankfurt, Munich, Trieste.

Date of Project Approval: Approved by PRC on 9 August 1951 and AFIC on 28 August 1951.

Date of Project Renewals: See below.

Date Present Approval expires: Upon approval of Project SHELLFIRE, which supersedes QKPROIL. (SHELLFIRE APPROVED 1 JULY 54 AND BY 55)
PM ACTIVITY ONLY.

Date Terminated, if applicable: The original concept of Project QKPROIL was to provide sufficient staff personnel and materiel to maintain a semi-autonomous base for PW-PM activities. In order to reach a more realistic basis upon which to fulfill the requirements of US and SHAPE war plans, the overall Project QKPROIL is being broken down and submitted in component projects. With approval of SHELLFIRE, on 10 December 1953, the PW objectives of QKPROIL were terminated.

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Cryptos and functions of persons participating, and dates of clearance:

Because of the number of people picked against QKBRGIL, but who were actually assigned to other projects, it would be impossible to compile a complete list of personnel and their functions under Project QKBRGIL. The following, both headquarters and field personnel, represent what is considered to be the hard-core QKBRGIL staff:

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Funds allotted for period: See next page.

Funds expended as of: See next page.

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CRITICAL BUDGET - C

IT all time

to date

30 days

from now

Aug. 1951

Sept.

Oct.

Nov.

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Jan.
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* C was requested for IT 1951 and IT 1952 and it is expected to be available for IT 1953.

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PROJECT: QKBROL

Special Equipment Used:

Communications equipment for radio broadcasting

Weapons

Operational equipment (parachutes, clothing, etc.)

Warehouse and maintenance equipment

Vehicles

Office equipment

Barter material (needles, drugs, razor blades, nylon, etc.)

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Brief Account of Organization and Method of Operations

QKBROLL was established to implement the OP-7 Plan for Rumania, which envisaged the utilization of all available covert assets to exploit the resistance potential in Rumania, undermine the Soviet power complex, develop a covert offensive in support of U.S. policy aims in the Balkans, and, in the event of war, to assist in the accomplishment of allied war aims.

As the first step in the implementation of Project QKBROLL, an attempt was made to establish a political center composed of leading exiled Rumanians who were sympathetic with U.S. policy objectives to serve as a rallying point for democratic resistance forces inside Rumania and in exile, to serve as a cover for OPC-sponsored operations, and to serve as a covert support arm for CIA/OPC. In the U.S. there were two principal opposing emigre groups, the Rumanian National Committee and the Association of Free Rumanians, which controlled the sentiments of the majority of the Rumanian refugees. During the life of QKBROLL, all attempts to form a single unified Rumanian emigration met with failure because of the inability of these two groups to work together. Today (July 1954), these two factions are no closer to unifying themselves than they have been at any time in the past. Unless King Mihai takes some positive step to reorganize the present Rumanian National Committee, which has his support, to include members of the Association, there can be no chance that the two groups will ever overcome their differences. Because of this stalemate, QKBROLL was forced to begin operations without the benefit of a political front organization in whose name QKBROLL activities could be carried out.

Concurrently, plans were undertaken to establish a PW unit initially in Athens, Greece, since communications facilities for radio broadcasting were available for use in the Rumanian program. Due to a variety of circumstances, the unit was not activated under the QKBROLL project and the PW activities were confined to a leaflet campaign. The first leaflet drop into Rumania was made on the night of 2 October 1952, when approximately 110,000 leaflets were disseminated. Since that time, approximately 2,200,000 leaflets have been dropped into Rumania and according to reports received, the leaflet campaign has been extremely effective. On 18 December 1953, with the approval of Project SHELLAC, a component project of QKBROLL, the PW functions were separated from QKBROLL.

In order to carry out the PW objectives of QKBROLL, plans were formulated whereby negotiations were undertaken with the Turkish Government to base the QKBROLL field installation in that country. It was thought that Turkey, because of its proximity to the target area, offered the ideal location for an operational field base. However, after months of negotiations, Turkish approval of the base was not granted and a new location had to be considered. The field headquarters for Rumanian operations finally was established in Trieste on 15 December 1952.

In the meantime, an Operations Officer, three PW training officers, an

SECRET Results of Organization and Method of Operations (continued)

INTERPOLATION TRANSLATOR and two agents-recruiters were sent to FRANCE to recruit, recruit and train agent personnel for use in the QKBR011 program. Four agents selected and留下, three were recruited and trained for QKBR011 agents selected and留下, three were recruited and trained for an infiltration mission (J3MM11) which never materialized. One agent was sent to Parma for several months "cooling-off" period and later returned to Germany. The other two agents were released in Germany. The QKBR011 agents personnel were indoctrinated in all intents and purposes, in the most complete manner.

Project SHELLFIRE has now been superseded by Project SHELLFIRE, which is continuing in its previous role as intended to furnish administrative support to tasks and PM operations which are not yet provided for under other projects for Romania and to provide funds for existing operational projects that may be feasible which are outside the scope of existing PM projects.

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Brief Account of Intelligence Produced

QKBRGIL was a PP-FM project and as such any intelligence produced was a by-product of QKBRGIL activities.

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PROJECT: Q1BAGU

Other Accomplishments:

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Project QKERTLObserved Weaknesses - Brief Critique and Suggested Improvements

The CPC Plan for Rumania covered the period from 1 July 1951 to 30 June 1953 and was based on the general assumptions that overt hostilities would not begin prior to 30 June 1953 but could, however, occur at any time prior to that date, beginning 1 July 1951. The Plan listed broad terms of reference to the Cold War, Transition, and General War periods. Project QKERTL was conceived to implement the CPC Plan for Rumania and, in this respect, the most readily apparent weaknesses of the project were its extremely flexible developmental phasing pattern and its willfully objectives in the fields of PP and PM activities.

Establishment of a Political Center

Much exhaustive effort was spent to develop an NCFE Political Center (Rumanian National Refugee Organization) as cover for overt activities and a covert operational support arm for projected CPC operations. This effort met with consistent failure. One of the difficulties encountered stemmed from the fact that the financial support the Rumanian emigration received from U.S. sources rendered it attractive to exploitation by those refugees who were interested in furthering their own or their parties' political aims. Further, the component political elements of the two Rumanian organizations looked upon the organizations not as national instruments for the attainment of Rumanian objectives, but as political vehicles for the attainment of personal or party political ends. To the Rumanians, it appeared, the actual purport of an emigre organization was that of a Government-in-exile, the control and exploitation of which was a legitimate objective for all ambitious Rumanian politicos in exile.

The Rumanian emigration failed to achieve maximum prestige by not rallying to itself all suitable national elements in exile. Two separate factions developed as a result and each faction expended all its energies in organizing and expanding the separate interests and taking care of the financial needs of each faction's political followers. In addition, two component offices of CIA found themselves supporting each of the opposing factions.

From the QKEROIL standpoint, the Rumanian emigration was often handled by NCFE in a haphazard, devious and frequently frustrating manner. The task could have been performed more effectively, perhaps, by an individual who had not only a thorough knowledge of the political and social history and development of the country and the personalities concerned, but who also was in the position to follow closely CPC-Rumanian emigration operations, such as a qualified CPC staff officer, under NCFE cover.

While a Rumanian National Committee embracing all factions of the emigration has never been a reality, the responsibility for this impasse cannot be laid to Project QKERTL. In the case of Bulgaria and Albania, although the committees were unified to the extent that SI activities have

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